

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 239

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Jobs for Tennessee Graduates program for its impact on Tennesseans.

WHEREAS, education holds the key for our students to compete in the job market and ensure that they are provided with opportunities that are otherwise not available to them; and

WHEREAS, Jobs for Tennessee Graduates is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to stewarding the most at-risk high school students toward graduation with the intent to move on to postsecondary education and greater job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, launched in 1981 under Governor Lamar Alexander, Jobs for Tennessee Graduates serves eighteen high schools in fourteen counties; and

WHEREAS, the organization is an affiliate of the Jobs for America's Graduates, which has helped over one million high school students in thirty-two states during its thirty years of operation, doubling the rate of job attainment and tripling the rate of graduates attaining full-time jobs; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment, Jobs for Tennessee Graduates has stewarded more than fifty thousand students, with a graduation rate exceeding ninety percent; and

WHEREAS, this State's leaders are dedicated to the continued success of Jobs for Tennessee Graduates, whose board of directors includes Speaker of the House of Representatives Beth Harwell, Representative Mary Littleton, Representative Ryan Haynes, and Congressman Marsha Blackburn; and

WHEREAS, Jobs for Tennessee Graduates continues to work with the Tennessee Department of Education, earning special course status for the 2015–2016 school year and working toward a multi-year program; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the at-risk, disadvantaged, and underserved children of Tennessee receive a quality education that provides equal opportunities for success, and Jobs for Tennessee Graduates should be recognized for stewarding high school students toward a better education and greater job opportunities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend the Jobs for Tennessee Graduates program for its impact on the success of Tennessee's children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.